

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Very light showers, followed by generally fair weather. Westerly winds.

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ACCIDENT OR FOUL PLAY?

Suspicious Facts Regarding the Death of John Ellis.

CHARACTER OF HIS WOUNDS

They Were Such as Could Hardly Have Been Made by an Engine—What the Evidence Before the Coroner's Jury Disclosed—Belief Aroused That He May Have Been Murdered.

Was John Ellis, the man whose body was found on the railroad track near the Long Bridge Thursday night, struck and killed by a train or was he murdered and his body placed near the track to give to his death the appearance of having been an accidental one?

The coroner's jury that investigated the case at the Sixth precinct station last Saturday brought in a verdict of accidental death, but there is considerable speculation in police circles as to whether the jury was not a little hasty in arriving at such a conclusion.

The evidence adduced at the inquest scarcely warranted such a verdict, as it was in some instances vague and of a conflicting nature.

There are some circumstances connected with the man's death which give to the appearance, not of accident, but of murder. It will be remembered that Ellis was discovered lying near the track by a colored man from Jackson City, who was on his way home, and who at first supposed it was a drunken man and so notified the watchman.

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Closer investigation, however, developed the fact that the man had been struck on the head and was in a dying condition. The men removed Ellis to the watch house, where he died shortly afterward. This same man testified to the fact that he walked leisurely all the way down Maryland avenue from Seventh street to the bridge that evening, and was positive that a train passed him going into the city.

Ellis' condition certainly warranted the belief that he had been recently struck, as he was not dead when found, and according to the medical testimony produced at the inquest he could not have survived such a blow as he received but a few minutes. It is pointed out that if Ellis had been struck by a train, he would have been killed at once, and would not have been found lying on the ground for some time.

Still another fact which leaves the manner of the man's death in grave doubt was the appearance of the body as it lay at the morgue. The autopsy held the day previous to the inquest developed the fact that death was caused by a concussion of the brain, produced by a blow received on the head. There was only a slight fracture on the man's head, and it was pointed out that a blow of the kind which would have caused such a fracture would not have been sufficient to kill a man.

POSITION OF THE BODY.

There were very few bruises on the body, and witnesses testified that the skin was slightly torn from one hand, which might have been produced in a struggle with a possible assailant. Several witnesses under oath testified at the inquest that the body was found in the roadway about two feet from the track. Would it be possible for a train going at a rapid rate of speed to strike an object the size of a human being and not hurt it a greater distance than two feet from the railroad track? It seems highly probable that the body would have been carried to the fence ten feet distant by the force of the blow.

Both the fireman and engineer of the train which was supposed to have struck Ellis, and whose duty it is to keep a sharp lookout, testified that they did not see any object on or near the track at night near the place where Ellis was found, although both stated in positive terms that it was possible for them to have seen at least two hundred feet ahead of the engine.

NO BLOOD ON THE ENGINE.

James B. May, the engineer, also stated that he made a personal examination of his engine the next morning, but found no traces of blood or other foreign matter on it, as is usually discovered upon a similar catastrophe. One witness testified that he saw Ellis drinking at Jackson City the afternoon of the day he was killed with several other men, and that he had been employed as a police runner by one of the firms in Jackson City, and to have occasionally carried sums of money. No money was found on his person when killed. All of these facts are matters of evidence, and can be corroborated, and while they do not positively establish the fact that Ellis was murdered, they certainly leave a grave doubt as to the cause of the man's death a matter of considerable doubt.

BIG BATTLE ON.

French and Hovas in Front of the Hova Capital.

London, Oct. 7.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Antananarivo says that on September 25 a native mob made a raid upon the British cemetery at the Hova capital and broke open a number of coffins, mutilating the bodies contained therein. The mob also made an attack upon the French observatory, which they destroyed, and for a time menaced the house of the French resident.

The two armies are now in sight of the capital, and the firing incident to their skirmishes can be plainly heard. Native soldiers are flocking into the town and reinforcements are being rapidly sent to the front.

ROLOFF A GERMAN.

Unlikely Story Told by Veterans of an Ohio Regiment.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 7.—At a meeting of the veterans of the Ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, it was announced that Carl Rolo, the present minister of war of Cuba, was a former member of the regiment, whose name is Carl Rolo. He came here from Germany, enlisted with the Ninth Regiment in 1861, deserted October 10, 1862, and went to Cuba. He was conspicuous in the revolution of 1868.

Mr. Wike at His Desk.

Assistant Secretary Scott Wike, of the Treasury, has been absent from the Treasury's absence in Illinois.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

London, Oct. 7.—Miss Ada Cavendish, the actress, died here to-day. Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 7.—Rev. Dr. Longbotham dropped dead in the pulpit at the Wayne Avenue Church yesterday while conducting services.

COMES TO LIFE.

Supposed Dead Man Now Under Arrest for Murder.

Crown Point, Ind., Oct. 7.—Residents of this city have believed that on April 20 the body of Barney Ellwanger, the alleged murderer of his wife, Pauline, at Cedar Lake, April 8, who was found dead floating in Lemon Lake, was placed in the cemetery, but many people have reason to believe it was not Ellwanger who was buried.

Seven days ago Sheriff Benjamin Hayes received a letter from James Coughlin, a Denver detective, stating that he had, beyond all doubt, Otto Ellwanger, charged with murder, in custody at Tiller, Col. Yesterday morning another letter was received from Coughlin, in which he claims his man has confessed the whole affair and has almost said he committed the murder.

BATTLE AMONG BOATMEN

Canal Men Combine to Prevent Shipment of Lumber.

Capt. Phillips and Son Begin to Load at the Low Prices and Are Promptly Murdered.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Oct. 7.—A double murder was committed on P. W. Scribner's lumber docks at an early hour this morning, and up to the present time fourteen men have been placed under arrest, and search is being made for others.

Shortly after midnight Captain Phillips, of the canal boat Jennie Grant, and his son of the boat May, began loading up with lumber. Other boatmen, who had refused to take loads at the price Scribner offered, watched down in a body to the dock and interfered.

Phillips, who was armed, drew a revolver and fired over the heads of the crowd, probably seeking to intimidate them. Someone, exactly whom has not been learned, pulled a gun and fired three shots at Phillips, who fell on the deck of his boat a dead man.

The younger Phillips, who had taken a hand in the melee, was struck down with a club and horribly beaten. He managed to crawl into the cabin, where he died at 8:15 this morning.

The authorities were notified and the police this morning arrested the following persons, who are known to have participated in the fatal melee:

Nick Wendell, Eddie Done, James Riley, E. Morgan, G. Hyde, J. Dixon, J. Stevens, M. Colin, A. Wheeler, J. D. Dixon, A. Lane, B. Warren and E. Lawrence.

GERMANY NOT AGGRESSIVE.

Minister Continues Agreeable Toward the Colombian Government.

New York, Oct. 7.—A special cable to the Times from Panama says: Bogota advises that the date of the visit of the German minister, has not yet been prepared. The Bogota newspapers infer that it will not be aggressive, because the minister continues to hold cordial diplomatic relations with the Colombian government.

The compromise which Panchard made to build a railroad with his own resources or to raise a loan of \$1,500,000 appears to be a defeat. It is stated that Panchard's capital is not registered commercial in London, it being less than \$250,000.

PROBABLY FATAL BEATING.

What a Usually Good Man Did in Drunken Fray.

Selma, Ky., Oct. 7.—Yesterday afternoon Dr. Joel Parker in a drunken frenzy beat his wife unmercifully, and dragged her through the house by her hair. Neighbors were attracted to the house by the screams of the unfortunate young wife and her three small children. Mrs. Parker was unconscious when her husband came to the rescue and a doctor was summoned.

The extent of her injuries cannot be stated at present, but it is thought they will prove fatal. The husband was disarmed and taken to jail.

OLD AND UNFORTUNATE.

Two Reasons Which Led Goodnow to Take His Life.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Two tories, a hat and a cane, found on the North pier early yesterday morning by officers Hammond and Hovey, are mute evidences of the suicide of E. E. Goodnow.

One of the letters was addressed to Luther Laffin Mills, who was said to have been a close friend of Goodnow's. The other was addressed to a man named "Mills," who was said to have been a close friend of Goodnow's. The letters were said to have been written by Goodnow to his friends, and to have been found by the police after his death.

SATOLLI MAY BE CARDINAL.

Rome Correspondent Predicts This Action by the Consistory.

Paris, Oct. 7.—The Figaro publishes a dispatch from its correspondent in Rome which asserts that the general papal delegate to the United States, together with Mgr. Agliardi, papal nuncio at Vienna, and Mgr. Ferrata, papal nuncio at Paris, will be promoted to the cardinalate at the next consistory.

JONES' BAD DRUNK.

He Slashes Eleven Men and Two Will Probably Die.

Greensburg, Ind., Oct. 7.—"Tanglefoot" Jones got drunk last night and pulled his razor in a crowd and commenced slashing right and left.

NOT YET OBSOLETE.

Good Old-Fashioned Dance Near Helena, in Montana.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 7.—Last night while the neighbors at Aron, a wood camp thirty miles west of here, were having a dance, a man named Jack Caddick opened fire on the room full of people with a revolver.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1895.

PHYSICAL CULTURE MOVEMENTS.



In Progress at the Royal Court in Berlin.

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BRUSH SETTLED UP.

He Made Restitution and His Case Was Nolle Prosequi.

Edwin Brush, the bartender who attempted to run off with \$50 of Edward L. Jordan's money yesterday, settled his case this morning, without going into court. He offered \$25 cash to Mr. Jordan on condition that he would not prosecute and the proposition was accepted.

CABLE FLASHES.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—M. Dewitte, Russian minister of foreign affairs, who has been visiting Germany for some time past, started for St. Petersburg to-day.

London, Oct. 7.—The Pall Mall Gazette, it is authorized to state, that Dr. Nin, the Uruguayan minister here, has heard nothing from his government in regard to the capture of his son, who was taken by Mr. Irving, British minister to Uruguay, or the British consul at Montevideo; nor has he been instructed by his government to protest against Mr. Irving's report upon the condition of Uruguayan finances.

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OUR SMOKELESS POWDER

Experiments Prove It Superior to Any Other in the World.

Newport Factory Will Be Duplicated and Powder Made for All the Heavy Guns of the Navy.

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